The master of science in sustainability program at Black Hills State University informs students about theoretical and operative issues relevant to sustainability — great preparation for communicating problems with stakeholders and implementing solutions. Many professions value expertise in sustainability. A degree in this program will give students the edge needed to advance in future careers while making a difference in the environment.

Career choices include:
- Environmental management
- Architects/City planners
- Physical plant managers
- Construction managers
- Business managers
- Parks and recreation
- Travel and Tourism
- Agriculturists
- Industrial technologists
- Communications and other professionals
- Transportation

Implement real-world solutions toward a sustainable society

The Master of Science in Sustainability program is offered entirely online and can be completed in two years.

SUST 510  Fundamentals of Sustainability
SUST 520  Science of Sustainability
SUST 530  Environmental Economics
SUST 710  Human Dimensions of Sustainability
SUST 720  Communication & Change
SUST 730  Environmental Law & Policy
SUST 750  Quantitative Methods in Sustainability
SUST 760  Global Climate Change
SUST 785  Capstone (I & II)
Elective Course

33 Total Credits

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BHSU TAKES THE LEAD IN GOING GREEN

BHSU WAS THE FIRST SOUTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY TO JOIN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS’ CLIMATE COMMITMENT, A CONSORTIUM OF 400 UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION DEDICATED TO ADDRESS GLOBAL WARMING.

GREEN INITIATIVES

Sustainability on Campus
- Projects including a campus garden, wind turbine, recycling program, solar panels, and dark sky compliant LED lighting
- Named a Tree Campus USA on Arbor Day 2017
- Pledged to become carbon neutral by 2050

Sustainability in the Community
- Spearfish Local – recognizing restaurants around town that use local food
- Bike Spearfish! – enhancing bicycle commuter safety and accessibility
- Community Food Forest – planting fruit & nut trees at Ida Hinton Park

LeED CERTIFICATION

Two BHSU buildings – the Life Sciences Lab and the Student Union – have earned LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. As the first state building to earn this standard, the Student Union is used as a model for demonstration of energy efficiencies, and an educational tool for BHSU students and others in the community.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

BHSU is rated STARS Silver by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System) is a nationally recognized reporting tool.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submit the following to the BHSU Graduate Studies Office:

1. Apply online at www.BHSU.edu/GraduatePrograms
2. Official BS/BA transcript
   Sent directly from an accredited college/university with evidence of cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.
3. One letter of recommendation
   That can testify to the applicant’s potential for academic success in graduate studies
4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
   Score report if your GPA is lower than 2.75
5. A $35 (non-refundable) application fee
6. Minimum paper-based TOEFL score of 550
   (For international students only)

For questions or more information, please contact a graduate program coordinator to explore a plan of study.

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